# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4501
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BYPASS SURGERY
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that a new innovation in the field of bypass surgery has been evolved wherein `wrist watch incision` is carried on a heart patient;

(b) whether it is a blood saving device and is very convenient for the patients undergoing bypass surgery;

(c) whether this new device has been introduced on a large scale in the country`s Government hospitals; and

(d) if not, by when it would be done on a large scale in Government Hospitals?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A new device has been evolved wherein small incisions are made to harvest the grafts used for coronary artery bypass grafting. It is a blood saving and less painful procedure and more convenient to the patients.

(c) & (d) At present the above procedure is being used in a few hospitals in Delhi and Mumbai.